

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on February 20, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 311, 2/17/2015; SB 348, 2/17/2015

Executive Action: SB 293 Do Pass; SB 286 Do Pass; SB 283 Do Pass as Amended;  
SB 246 Be Tabled

**HEARING ON SB 311**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:09 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 311, Revise laws related to the legislative veto override voting process.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:33 Sen. Kary  
00:04:14 Sen. Webb  
00:05:13 Sen. Kary  
00:05:30 Sen. Webb  
00:05:41 Sen. Malek  
00:06:16 Sen. Webb  
00:06:18 Sen. Malek  
00:06:47 Chair Brown  
00:07:09 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:07:59 Sen. Malek  
00:08:54 Sen. Webb  
00:09:12 Sen. Malek  
00:09:37 Sen. Webb  
00:09:56 Sen. Malek  
00:10:06 Ms. Weiss, LSD  
00:10:49 Sen. Hinkle  
00:11:27 Eric Stern, deputy secretary of state (SOS)  
00:11:49 Sen. Hinkle  
00:12:28 Mr. Stern, SOS  
00:12:41 Sen. Malek  
00:12:54 Mr. Stern  
00:15:14 Chair Brown  
00:15:29 Sen. Webb  
00:15:40 Chair Brown  
00:16:01 Sen. Whitford  
00:16:38 Sen. Webb  
00:17:02 Sen. Whitford  
00:17:40 Sen. Webb  
00:17:56 Sen. Kary  
00:18:25 Mr. Stern  
00:19:09 Chair Brown  
00:19:37 Mr. Stern  
00:20:55 Chair Brown  
00:21:08 Mr. Stern

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:21:14 Sen. Webb

**HEARING ON SB 348**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:22:48 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 348, Revise consent for lands purchased by the U.S. for national forest purposes.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:25:17 Julia Altimus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)  
00:29:53 Dennis Iverson, rancher and forester, representing himself  
00:31:59 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers  
00:34:36 Scott Hibbard, landowner, Sieben Livestock Company  
00:36:59 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trusts (MALT)  
00:42:53 Mary Hollow, The Nature Conservancy  
00:47:50 Mike Mueller, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:52:02 George Bain, U.S. Forest Service (USFS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:54:43 Sen. Driscoll  
00:55:18 Sen. Fielder  
00:56:23 Sen. Driscoll  
00:56:35 Mr. Bain, USFS  
00:56:47 Sen. Driscoll  
00:57:02 Mr. Bain  
00:58:39 Chair Brown  
00:58:54 Mr. Bain  
00:59:22 Sen. Whitford  
00:59:52 Chair Brown  
00:59:58 Sen. Hinkle  
01:01:03 Sen. Fielder  
01:03:14 Chair Brown  
01:03:31 Sen. Fielder  
01:03:58 Sen. Hinkle  
01:04:31 Sen. Fielder  
01:05:04 Sen. Hinkle  
01:05:22 Sen. Fielder  
01:06:47 Sen. Hinkle  
01:07:03 Sen. Fielder  
01:07:54 Sen. Hinkle

01:08:18 Mr. Bain  
 01:08:28 Chair Brown  
 01:08:46 Mr. Bain  
 01:08:52 Sen. Malek  
 01:10:12 Mr. Bain  
 01:11:03 Sen. Malek  
 01:12:23 Ms. Altemis  
 01:14:34 Sen. Malek  
 01:15:32 Sen. Fielder  
 01:17:02 Sen. Malek  
 01:17:39 Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:18:32 Sen. Fielder  
 01:23:52 Recess  
 01:40:50 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 293**

01:41:28 **Motion:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 293 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:41:44 Chair Brown  
 01:41:53 Sen. Malek  
 01:42:21 Chair Brown  
 01:43:08 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 01:43:24 Chair Brown  
 01:43:31 Sen. Malek  
 01:43:39 Ms. Weiss, LSD  
 01:44:03 Sen. Malek  
 01:44:05 Ms. Weiss  
 01:44:48 Chair Brown  
 01:44:58 Ms. Weiss  
 01:45:17 Sen. Whitford  
 01:45:34 Ms. Weiss  
 01:45:53 Chair Brown  
 01:46:20 Ms. Weiss  
 01:47:43 Chair Brown  
 01:48:17 Sen. Hinkle  
 01:48:33 Chair Brown  
 01:48:47 Ms. Weiss

01:48:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote with Sen. Malek voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 286**

01:49:38 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 286 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:50:01 Chair Brown  
01:50:13 Sen. Malek  
01:51:01 Chair Brown

01:51:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 283**

01:51:44 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 283 DO PASS.**

01:52:03 **Motion:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 283 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts39a01)

**Discussion:**

01:52:33 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:53:00 Sen. Malek  
01:53:53 Sen. Hinkle  
01:54:23 Ms. Weiss, LSD  
01:54:43 Chair Brown  
01:55:26 Sen. Malek

01:55:48 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting aye.

01:57:00 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 283 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts39a02)

**Discussion:**

01:57:23 Chair Brown

01:57:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Malek and Sen. Webb voting no.

01:58:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 283 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Webb and Sen. Whitford voting no.  
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts39a03)

01:59:30 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 283 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:59:41 Sen. Whitford  
02:01:05 Sen. Hinkle  
02:02:15 Sen. Whitford  
02:02:54 Sen. Malek

02:03:27 Chair Brown  
 02:04:43 Sen. Webb  
 02:05:17 Sen. Driscoll  
 02:06:23 Chair Brown  
 02:06:38 Sen. Kary  
 02:07:24 Sen. Whitford  
 02:07:37 Sen. Hinkle  
 02:08:39 Sen. Whitford  
 02:08:48 Sen. Malek  
  
 02:09:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 246**

02:09:44 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 246 DO PASS.**  
  
 02:10:17 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 246 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(sts39a04)

**Discussion:**

02:10:50 Sen. Hinkle  
 02:11:24 Sen. Malek  
 02:12:08 Sen. Hinkle  
 02:12:15 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 02:13:01 Sen. Hinkle  
  
 02:13:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-2 by voice vote with Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting no.  
  
 02:13:49 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 246 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:13:58 Sen. Hinkle  
  
 02:15:26 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting aye.  
  
 02:16:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 246 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting no.  
  
 02:16:58 Chair Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:17 p.m.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sts39aad.pdf](#))**